

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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HAROLD WILLARD,

**Case No. 3:17-cv-00088-RCJ-WGC**

## ORDER

v.

TONY CORDA, et al.,

### **Defendants.**

15 This action is a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by  
16 a state prisoner. On January 29, 2018, the Court issued an order dismissing the  
17 complaint with leave to amend and directed Plaintiff to file an amended complaint within  
18 thirty days. (ECF No. 6 at 7). The thirty-day period has now expired, and Plaintiff has not  
19 filed an amended complaint or otherwise responded to the Court's order. District courts  
20 have the inherent power to control their dockets and “[i]n the exercise of that power, they  
21 may impose sanctions including, where appropriate . . . dismissal” of a case. *Thompson*  
22 *v. Hous. Auth. of City of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may  
23 dismiss an action, with prejudice, based on a party’s failure to prosecute an action, failure  
24 to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. See *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d  
25 52, 53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (dismissal for noncompliance with local rule); *Ferdik v. Bonzelet*,  
26 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (dismissal for failure to comply with an order  
27 requiring amendment of complaint); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir.  
28 1988) (dismissal for failure to comply with local rule requiring *pro se* plaintiffs to keep court

1 apprised of address); *Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987)  
2 (dismissal for failure to comply with court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421,  
3 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for lack of prosecution and failure to comply with local  
4 rules).

5 In determining whether to dismiss an action for lack of prosecution, failure to obey  
6 a court order, or failure to comply with local rules, the court must consider several factors:  
7 (1) the public's interest in expeditious resolution of litigation; (2) the court's need to  
8 manage its docket; (3) the risk of prejudice to the defendants; (4) the public policy favoring  
9 disposition of cases on their merits; and (5) the availability of less drastic alternatives.  
10 *Thompson*, 782 F.2d at 831; *Henderson*, 779 F.2d at 1423-24; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 130;  
11 *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1260-61; *Ghazali*, 46 F.3d at 53.

12 In the instant case, the Court finds that the first two factors, the public's interest in  
13 expeditiously resolving this litigation and the Court's interest in managing the docket,  
14 weigh in favor of dismissal. The third factor, risk of prejudice to Defendants, also weighs  
15 in favor of dismissal, since a presumption of injury arises from the occurrence of  
16 unreasonable delay in filing a pleading ordered by the court or prosecuting an action. See  
17 *Anderson v. Air West*, 542 F.2d 522, 524 (9th Cir. 1976). The fourth factor – public policy  
18 favoring disposition of cases on their merits – is greatly outweighed by the factors in favor  
19 of dismissal discussed herein. Finally, a court's warning to a party that his failure to obey  
20 the court's order will result in dismissal satisfies the "consideration of alternatives"  
21 requirement. *Ferdik*, 963 F.2d at 1262; *Malone*, 833 F.2d at 132-33; *Henderson*, 779  
22 F.2d at 1424. The Court's order requiring Plaintiff to file an amended complaint within  
23 thirty days expressly stated: "It is further ordered that, if Plaintiff fails to file a timely  
24 amended complaint curing the deficiencies outlined in this order, this action shall be  
25 dismissed with prejudice for failure to state a claim." (ECF No. 6 at 7-8). Thus, Plaintiff  
26 had adequate warning that dismissal would result from his noncompliance with the  
27 Court's order to file an amended complaint within thirty days.

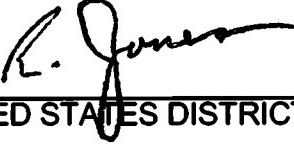
28 It is therefore ordered that this action is dismissed with prejudice based on

1 Plaintiff's failure to file an amended complaint in compliance with this Court's January 29,  
2 2018 order and for failure to state a claim.

3 It is further ordered that the motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 4) is  
4 denied as moot.

5 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court shall enter judgment accordingly.  
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7 *27th day, March 2018.*  
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